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CZECHOSLOVAK PLAN FULFILLMENT, FIRST QUARTER 1953

The Czechoslovak plan for gross production for the first quarter of 1953 was fulfilled 97.7 percent. In comparison with the same period in 1952, Czechoslovak gross industrial production rose 9.8 percent. Production rose 14.1 percent in heavy industry and 3.8 percent in light industry. Individual ministries fulfilled their production plans as follows:

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Percent of Plan Fulfillment</u>
Fuel	97
Power	97
Metallurgy and Ore Mines	99.5
Chemical Industry	100
Heavy Machine Building	90
General Machine Building	98
Building Materials	88
Forests and Lumber Industry	99
Light Industry	99.2
Food Industry	100

Industrial enterprises of the following ministries fulfilled their production plans as follows:

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<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Percent of Plan Fulfillment</u>
Construction Industry	107
Railroads	102
Transportation	93
Agriculture	81
State Farms	119
Internal Trade	105
Crop Purchase	107
Health	103

Industrial enterprises of the following main administrations fulfilled their production plans as follows:

<u>Main Administration</u>	<u>Percent of Plan Fulfillment</u>
The Polygraphic and Phonograph Industries	98
The Film Industry	95
Local Industries	92
Production Cooperatives	103

During the first quarter of 1953, labor productivity in Czechoslovak industries rose 8.8 percent over the same period in 1952.

The production plan was exceeded for such items as brown coal, crude oil, raw steel, rolled products, electrolytic copper, mobile cranes, caterpillar excavators with shovel capacities of 1.6 cubic meters, sections for heavy duty drilling rigs, oil drills, twin-axle trolley buses, motorbuses, automobiles, timber, cellulose, leather footwear, meat, wheat and rye flour, bread, durable baked goods, and others.

The production plan was not fulfilled for such items as black coal, iron ore, production of electric power, pig iron, sheet metal, steam and water turbines, electric furnaces, tractor-driven binders, cranes, freight and passenger rolling stock, motorcycles, construction materials, milk, and butter.

In the first quarter of 1953, the number of 15-horsepower tractors increased 9 percent over the beginning of 1952, the number of sowing drills increased 50 percent, and the number of potato planters more than tripled.

During the winter of 1952 - 1953, courses in agronomy (agrotechnicky kurs), zootechny, and mechanization of agricultural operations were attended by more than 10,000 workers.

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A great deal of construction work was completed during the first quarter of 1953. Open-hearth furnaces were activated at the Klement Gottwald Foundries in Kuncice and at the V. M. Molotov Iron Works at Trinec. Construction of the Orava Dam, the Nove Mesto nad Vahom Dam, and the Dobsina Dam was greatly accelerated. Some 5,000 new dwelling units were made available to workers, and although the plan for construction investments was not fulfilled, actual investments rose 6.5 percent over the first quarter of 1952.

During the first quarter of 1953, 11 percent more freight was shipped by rail than in the same period of 1952. Compared with the same period last year, 56 percent more freight and 12 percent more passengers were transported by motor vehicle, and 86 percent more cargo was moved by water. Air passenger and air freight traffic also increased substantially.

Imports of raw materials, machines, and agricultural produce from the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies totaled 11 percent more during the first quarter of 1953 than in the same period of 1952.

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